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Businessman sues to see FBI, CIA files

A Salt Lake businessman has filed suit in U.S. District Court against the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency asking information he believes may be in their files.

The suit by Jerald Tanner, who operates Modern Microfilm Co., 1350 S. West Temple, was filed under the Freedom of Information Act. In July 1980, he wrote to the FBI asking for copies of documents. In October, the request was denied in part, with the denial appealed but then finalized.

The suit requests that Tanner be

allowed to copy three documents upon which "certain excisions were made" which are in the FBI's files in Salt Lake City.

In October 1980, he wrote to the CIA, asking for access to the documents, according to the suit. The action says the CIA replied that it had no documents pertaining to Jerald Tanner, "but made no clear indication as to Modern Microfilm Co."

The court is asked to order those agencies to allow him access to documents.